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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MILI, SA
SUBJECT: KING'S SUPPORT MOTORCADE IN MAJOR ACCIDENT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 ON MAY 21, PALACE MOTORCADE ENROUTE TO DHARAHAN TO SUPPORT KING'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO EASTERN PROVINCE WAS INVOLVED IN MAJOR ACCIDENT. MOTORCADE INCLUDING CARS TO BE USED BY KING, HONOR GUARD, BAND, AND POLICE WAS TRAVELING AT HIGH SPEED OVER NOTORIOUSLY DANGEROUS RIYADH-DHARAHAN ROAD. ABOUT 80 KILOMETERS OUT OF RIYADH FIRST OF THREE MILITARY TRUCKS EACH CARRYING 80 SOLDIERS HIT STRETCH OF NEWLY ASPHALTED ROAD WHICH WAS WET FROM SHOWER. IT SKIDDED AND OVERTURNED TWICE. SECOND TRUCK SMASHED INTO FIRST AND OVERTURNED. THIRD TRUCK PLOWED THROUGH BOTH OVERTURNED VEHICLES, 14 SOLDIERS KILLED IN CRASH WITH ADDITIONAL 4 TO 6 NOT EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. 34 OTHERS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION. THROUGHOUT NIGHT THREE MAJOR HOSPITALS IN RIYADH HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES - SOLDIERS WHO WANDERED INTO THE BUSH AFTER THE ACCIDENT OR WHO FOUND PRIVATE ASSISTANCE IN GETTING BACK TO RIYADH.

2. ACCIDENT INVOLVED ONLY SUPPORT STAFF AND NOT MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY AS FIRST REPORTED. PRINCE TURKI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND OTHER HIGH MODA OFFICIALS SPENT UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVERAL HOURS AT HOSPITAL. OFFICE OF ROYAL PROTOCOL SAYS ACCIDENT WILL NOT AFFECT KING'S PLANS TO FLY TO DHARAHAN THIS MORNING (MAY 22).
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